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In re the application of: Markus Pompejus *et al.*

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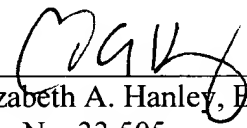
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to an Office Action mailed April 22, 2002 (Paper No. 11). A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith. Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

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Please amend page 1, line 6 of Table 1, as follows:

--1 2 RXS02735 VV0074 14576 15280 6-Phosphogluconolactonase--

Please replace the title at page 1, line 1, with the following re-written title: